

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

OCTOBER 2, 2018

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse and Kraig Younts, *Rushville Republican*.

PUBLIC HEARING: Additional Appropriations LRS – The public hearing was opened for the Additional Appropriation for LRS. There were no questions or comments. Smith moved to close the public hearing. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

MINUTES: Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2018 meeting as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey said he will be heading to the AIM conference to receive a Quality of Life award for the Farmers Market.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Smith said they held the landlord meeting last Tuesday. It was well attended. We have compiled a packet that we can provide to landlords. This is good information. There was discussion regarding the importance of the tenants following City ordinances.

Pavey passed out pictures of the Mayse property on North Sexton Street. He said the landlord packets are available at City Hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Our regional stellar has been turned in and one of the communities has dropped out.

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Cameron said the close out party was this past Saturday. He said it was a good year. The numbers were down a little due to weather. Cameron said we are very successful due to the great volunteers.
- **Marketing** – We have some mini campaigns.
- **APC/BZA** – Nothing
- **City Center** – The marquee is being hung. It is not wrapped.
- **Cherry Street** – We are still going through the process. We should hear something on the court case around October 4.
- **Brownfield Grant** – We received an extension for further testing.
- **Housing** – They are working on bonds and financing for infrastructure.
- **ECDC** – Nothing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Street – Commissioner Miller said they have been awarded a Railroad grant in the amount of \$23,700.00 for signage.

During heavy trash we filled 32 dumpsters costing \$11,525.00. He said there was still some abuse. Someone brought in 7 truck- loads and a dump truck full of trash. The last heavy trash we filled 25 dumpsters.

They have purchased more mosquito spray and will be spraying for 2 more weeks.

Miller said there is a bad threat of bed bugs during heavy trash pick-up. Jenkins said it is an epidemic, but it is not just in our community. He said we need to be thinking about what happens when an employee takes bed bugs home and how we would handle the matter. It can be very expensive to get rid of bed bugs. He said this is a big concern of employees. Pavey said he will send out a message on the Mayor's list serve as to how other communities handle this.

Fire – Chief Jenkins said they addressed the property at 714 N Sexton at the Unsafe Hearing meeting. Travis Mayse will be sent notice by Sheriff for a hearing scheduled for November.

Police – Chief Tucker handed out his statistics report for September.

They hope to complete the remodel of the firing range in the next 2 weeks.

Tuesday night the former Big Brothers/Big Sisters will be having a series of 6 “Community Conversations” and have asked Tucker to speak on the effects of incarceration on children. It is at the 201 from 6-8 p.m. on October 9th.

October 13th the Fayette County FOP is sponsoring a 5k. Chief Tucker and Patrolman Parmerlee will be participating.

Animal – Warden Cottrell handed out her monthly and year to date report. She reviewed with Council. She said they have been able to return 20 dogs to their owners and they are now chipped. They also must provide proof of rabies vaccine.

Saturday she will be attending an animal control meeting with many other communities. They will exchange policies and hope to get a better understanding on how to enforce laws.

Park – Director Burklow said the mulch in the parking lot will replace pea gravel around the playground equipment.

They are waiting on Coon Excavating to finish moving dirt at the CJD Park.

Over the weekend members from the First Presbyterian Church painted benches.

Mayor Pavey thanked the Street Department for repairing yards that were damaged by equipment during repairs on Spencer Street.

Pavey reported that the City Utilities have been replacing 21 valves that were broken. This should eliminate most of the rust issue.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Annexation – The process is continuing.
2. **Fire Rescue Topics:**
 - a. **Ambulance Transfer Proposal; Ambulance Fee Dual Response Proposal** – Chief Jenkins passed out information. He said this would be transfers from hospital to hospital. He feels this is a need in our community. Our full time people will not be on the truck. It will be manned by part-time employees on a 12 hour shift 7 days a week. We are not in competition with anyone else. There will be a separate fee schedule for transfers only. We will not increase our 911 rate.

Councilman Smith said our primary responsibility is to our community first.

Jenkins said we are not contracted to anyone. If we can do this we will. Our budget is based on very low numbers. He said he would like to see how it works for 6 months.

Jenkins also suggested that we wrap the white ambulance making it red. Smith made a motion to wrap the white ambulance making it red. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Smith made a motion to approve the ambulance transfer proposal and fees as submitted. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pavey said we will need to have patience in moving the program forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Sugar Hill Drainage Easement** – We are contacting property owners.
2. **Philpot Annexation 1531 N Spencer 70-07-31-101-004.000-010 Ordinance 2018-5** – November meeting.
3. **Ordinance 2018-24 Additional Appropriations LRS** – Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2018-24. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Ordinance 2018-27 Adoption 2019 Budget** – Cameron moved to approve Ordinance 2018-27. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Ordinance 2018-30 Amendment to Corridor Overlay District** – Clark explained that this streamlines away from the Council and makes things more efficient. Bridges moved to approve Ordinance 2018-30. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Ordinance 2018-31 – Update of Adopted Zoning Map** – Conner moved to approve Ordinance 2018-31. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. **2019 City Utility Budget** – The Utility Board has approved their 2019 budget. Pavey will ask Les Day to appear before Council at our next meeting.
8. **Regional Stellar Memorandum of Understanding** – We will have an agreement, but it is not required right now.

CLAIMS AND AUGUST BANK RECONCILEMENT: Conner moved to approve the claims as presented along with the August bank reconciliation. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Smith moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.